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SUBJECT: MAJOR AGRIBUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

FOR UNDER SECRETARY TABOR

1. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MAJOR DECISIONS WHICH MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT TIME OF U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 3-4, DETAILED PREPARATORY WORK ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS MUST BE PURSUED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OVER THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

2. JOINT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION IDENTIFIED WITHOUT DETAIL TWO MAJOR PROJECTS:

(A) AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURAL AND AGRIBUSINESS PRODUCTION IN AN UNIDENTIFIED UNDERDEVELOPED AREA OF IRAN, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A CONSORTIUM OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING COMPANIES,
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ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AND ECONOMIC

PLANNING SERVICES.

(B) MAJOR GRAIN PORT AND STORAGE COMPLEX WITH RELATED AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS, AGAIN IN UNIDENTIFIED AREA WITHOUT DETAIL. BOTH PROJECTS WERE TO BE CONSIDERED FURTHER IN JOINT ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

3. REQUEST TABOR LEAVE WITH EMBASSY FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FULL REPORT ON IRANIAN PROPOSALS RE THESE PROJECTS AND TABOR DELEGATION RESPONSES, WITH SUGGESTIONS AS TO NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN TEHRAN AND WASHINGTON.

4. EARLIER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON NUCLEAR ENERGY IDENTIFIED MAJOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN SUPER TURNKEY CONSTRUCTION OF COMBINATION NUCLEAR POWER AND WATER DESALTING PROJECTS. WE ALSO WISH ANY FURTHER INFO THIS SUBJECT WHICH MAY BE DEVELOPED DURING TABOR VISIT.

5. REQUEST SIMILAR GUIDANCE ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION REGARDING OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL.

6. THIS REQUEST IS IN ADDITION TO TRANSMISSION OF COPY OF TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCE TO ROBINSON THROUGH EMBASSY CAIRO. INGERSOLL

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